been taken to improve it. The steps taken include improvements in the procedure for movement of under trial prisoners from jails to outstation courts; deployment of security staff; procurement of more modern security related equipments; periodic inspections of jails.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. However, Delhi Police has reported that it is making sincere efforts to arrest the accused. The action taken to nab the accused includes deployment of a team of Special Cell; keeping surveillance on his possible associates/harbourers in Delhi, Bihar, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh; arrest of the hardocore criminals including Subhash Thakur and Sharwan Kumar and their interrogation.

Registering of false cases by Delhi Police

3032. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police is in the habit of registering false and fabricated cases of abduction and rape against innocent citizens under political pressure;

(b) whether Government have received complaints against registering false cases involving baljit Singh and his family members, a resident of B-14/1, Dabri Exten., New Delhi-42;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to withdraw such cases registered under pressure after proper investigation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per information received from Delhi Police, no false and fabricated case of abduction and rape has been registered by it against innocent citizens.

(b) and (c) On the basis of a complaint, Delhi Police had registered a case vide FIR No. 257/04 u/s 376/363/34 IPC at Police Station, Dabri in which one Shri Baljit Singh, his son and tenant are Proclaimed Offenders. Police has already filed charge sheet in the Court. The daughter and the wife of Shri Baljit Singh has made complaints alleging demand of bribe and registration of false rape case against one Sub-Inspector of Dabri

Station. The concerned Sub-Inspector has been suspended and a departmental enquiry has been initiated. Shri Baljit Singh has also filed a civil writ petition in the High Court of Delhi alleging harassment by Delhi Police and implicating him in the aforesaid case falsely. Baljit Singh is involved in five criminal cases.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

Illegal settlements in Great Nicobar Islands

3033. DR. (SMT.) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Great Nicobar Islands lots of people have settled illegally, with many arriving as labourers for Government contractors, and then staying on with the connivance of local officials;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from tribal leaders in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) It is true that labourers were brought into Great Nicobar Island to assist in the construction of roads, harbour works etc. However, since the labourers have been settled in the de-reserved area notified earlier under the scheme of re-settlement of ex-servicemen and other areas de-reserved subsequently, their settlement in great Nicobar was not illegal.

(b) No representation pertaining to Great Nicobar has been received.

(c) In view of the above, does not arise.

Assessment of World Agencies regarding reconstruction of Tsunami affected areas

3034. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a report prepared Jointly by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the United Nations, it has